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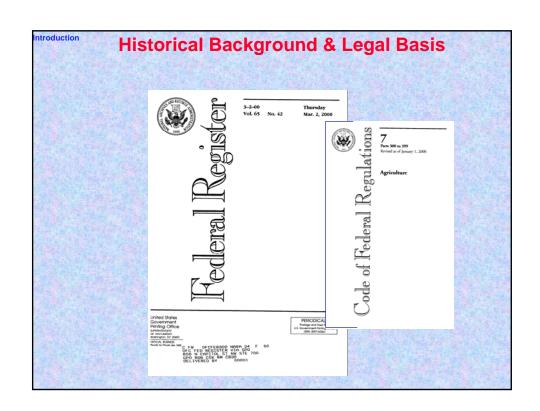
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What topics will this workshop cover?

Historical background and legal basis

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- The regulatory process and the role of the public
- Organization the Federal Register and CFR
- Relationships among Public Laws, the FR and CFR
- Research tools and Finding Aids



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Why was the Federal Register System Established?

- New Deal legislation
- Access
- Centralized filing and publication system
- Due process rights

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Federal Regulatory Process

- Legal structure:
 - **♦The Federal Register Act**
 - **♦The Administrative Procedure Act (APA)**
 - **♦Other individual laws**
- Designed to allow Federal agencies to <u>issue</u> and <u>enforce</u> legally effective regulations

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The Federal Register Act

Enacted: July 26, 1935 Cite: 44 U.S.C. Chap. 15

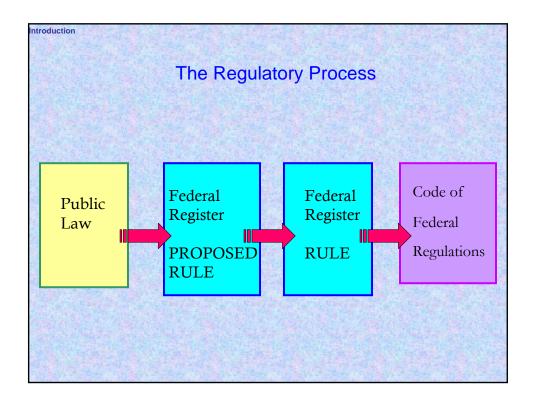
- Established a central location
- The daily Federal Register
- The Code of Federal Regulations

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The Effect of Publishing in the Federal Register

- Official notice
- Legal authority of the agency
- Documents evidentiary status
- Shows how and when the CFR will be amended

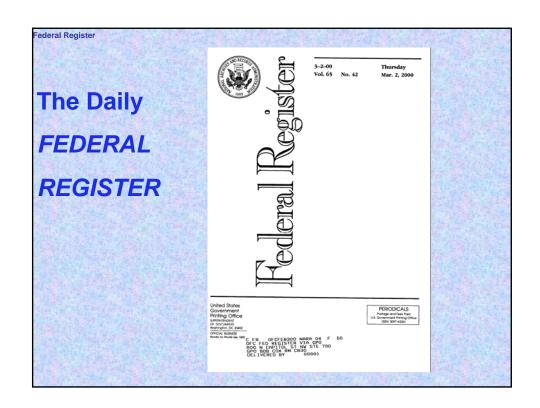
The Administrative Procedure Act Enacted: June 11, 1946 Cite: 5 U.S.C. 551 et seq. Added procedural requirements to ensure: \(\dots \) due process (fairness) \(\dots \) public participation (notice and comment rulemaking)



Overview of Rulemaking Process

- 1. Grant of rulemaking authority
- 2. Proposed Rule stage
- 3. Final Rule stage
- 4. Congressional review
- 5. Effective date

Congress Passes Laws	Executive Agencies Issue Rules
Publish in Slip Law/Statutes at Large	Publish in Federal Register
Codified in U.S. Code	Codified in CFR
Power comes from Constitution	Power delegated by Congress
Courts review for constitutionality	Courts review for constitutionality & limits of delegated authority arbitrary and capricious actions Administrative Procedure Act reqs.
Representative Democracy:	Participatory Democracy:
Congress acts collectively to represent the will of the people	Agencies must seek and consider public comment on benefits of rules v. burdens and costs
Set broad social and economic	Prescribe specific legal requirements
goals and legal requirements	to meet goals



Federal Register

Federal Register Documents

- 1. Presidential Documents
- 2. Rules and Regulations
- 3. Proposed Rules
- 4. Notices

Additional sections:

- Corrections
- Separate Parts
- Reader Aids

Proposed Rules

What Types of documents are in the Proposed Rules section?

- Proposed Rules
 - ♦ AKA: "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" (NPRM)
- Preliminary Rulemaking Documents
- Miscellaneous proposals and updates

Proposed Rules

Proposed Rule

- Announces possible changes to the CFR
- Sets out proposed regulatory text or describes proposal
- Solicits public comment on proposal
- Initiates the "notice and comment rulemaking" process under the APA (5 U.S.C. 553)

Proposed Rules

Standard Preamble Headings & Captions

Headings Agency name, CFR title and part(s), docket info, subject matter

Captions

- AGENCY:
- ACTION:
- SUMMARY:
- · DATES:
- ADDRESSES:
- FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
- SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Rules

Advance Notices and **Preliminary Rulemaking Documents**

Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Petition for Rulemaking

Negotiated Rulemaking ("RegNeg") document

Proposed Rules

Miscellaneous Proposed Rule Documents

- ♦ Further notice of proposed rulemaking to make changes in response to comments or events
- **♦Withdrawal of proposed rule**
- ♦Annual review of regulations -- opportunity to comment

Rules and Regulations

What is the Rules and Regulations Section of the Federal Register?

- · Documents with:
 - **♦Final legal effect**
 - **♦**General applicability to the public
- Most, rules amend and are codified in the CFR

Rules and Regulations

What Types of Documents are in the Rules & Regulations Section?

- Final Rules
- Interim Final Rules
- Direct Final Rules
- Documents that relate to previous rules & regulations

Rules and Regulations: inal Rule

Final Rule

- Generally issued to amend the CFR
- Finalizes a proposed rule
- Takes final action without a prior proposed rule
- Effective Dates:
 - ♦ At least 30 days from date of publication
 - ♦ At least 60 days from date of publication for major rules
 - ♦ On date of publication
 - » emergency
 - » good cause



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Rules and Regulations: Final Rule

Final Rule Amendments and Regulatory Text

- Follow the "Supplementary Information" section of the Preamble
- The "List of Subjects"
- Numbered amendatory instructions specifically state how the CFR will be amended

Rules and Regulations: Interim Final Rule

Interim Final Rule

Issued:

- ♦ To react to an emergency situation
- ♦ To relieve unnecessary restrictions on the public
- ♦ To take public comments on interim action

Effective:

- ♦ On date of publication; or
- Less than 30 days from date of publication

Comment Period:

♦ Yes

Rules and Regulations: Direct Final Rule

Direct Final Rule

Issued:

♦ Non-controversial actions

Effective:

♦ 30, 60 to 90 days from date of publication, if it is not
withdrawn due to adverse comments

Is there a comment period?

♦ Yes

Withdrawn:

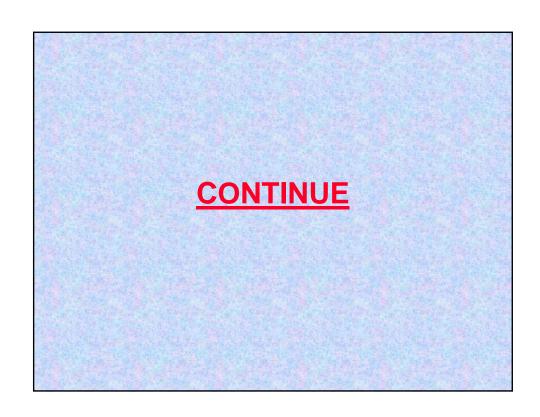
♦ Monitor the Federal Register for a withdrawal document

Rules and Regulations: Other

Documents that Relate to Previous Rules & Regulations

Examples:

- ♦ Interpretive Rule; Policy Statement on Enforcement; Clarification
- ♦ Temporary Rule; Deviation; Waiver
- ♦ Establishment, Delay, Suspension of Effective Date
- ♦ Reconsideration of recently issued Final Rule
- **♦ Withdrawal or Confirmation of Direct Final Rule**



Notices

Documents in the Notices section of the FR

Describing official actions and functions that:

♦ May affect the public or provide important information BUT Do not amend the CFR.

Examples:

- ♦ Sunshine Act and Federal Advisory Committee Act meeting notices
- ♦ Grant announcements and funding availability
- ♦ Environmental impact statements

Notices What is the format for Notices?

Headings Agency name, docket info, subject matter, no CFR cite

Captions |

- · AGENCY:
- · ACTION:
- SUMMARY:
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Presidential Documents

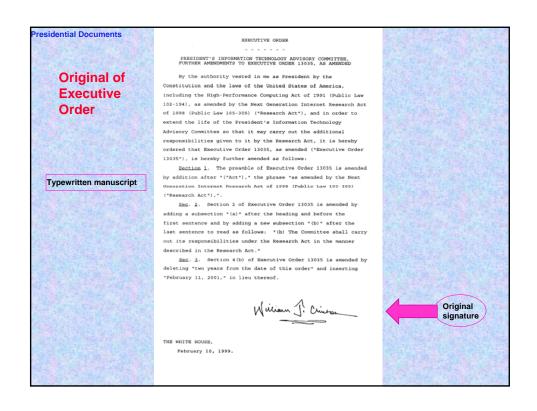
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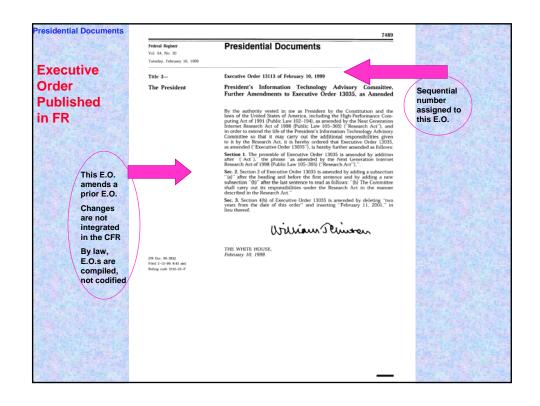
- Executive Orders
- Proclamations
- Administrative Orders & Miscellaneous Documents

Presidential Documents

Executive Orders

- Directed at Executive agencies to manage operations
- President has constitutional authority to issue E.O.s as
- Numbered consecutively as received by OFR
- · Reprinted annually in 3 CFR, not codified



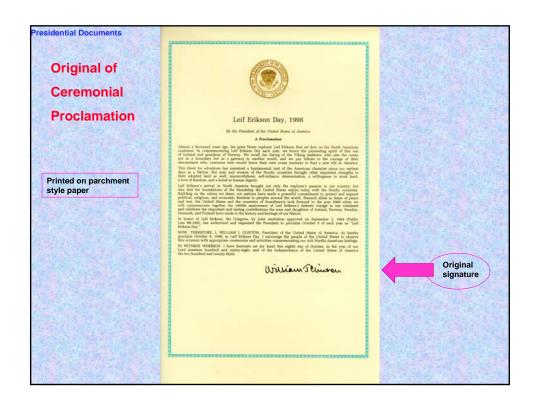


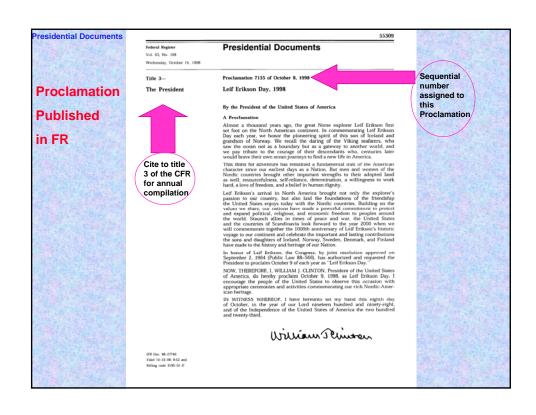
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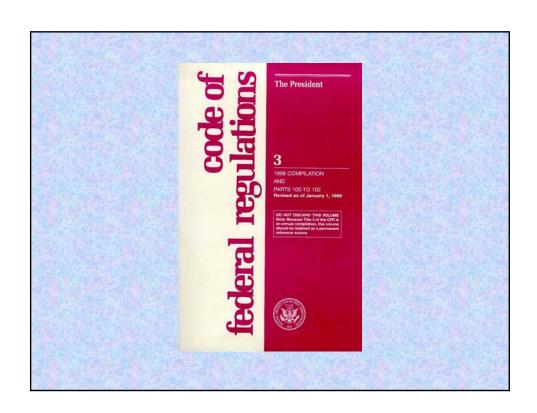
• TYPES

Presidential Documents

- **♦**Ceremonial
- **♦** Substantive
- Numbered consecutively as received by OFR
- No legal distinction between E.O.s &
- Reprinted annually in 3 CFR, not codified







Presidential Documents

Administrative Orders and Miscellaneous Documents

- Determinations
- Memoranda
- Reorganization Plans
- Notices of Continuation of National Emergencies

Comprehensive record of Presidential statements and directives:

- Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents
- Public Papers of the Presidents series

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Federal Register Correction section

OFR or GPO typographical and clerical errors

We set out specific information necessary to correct error based on text of signed original.

Agencies correct their errors by publishing a signed original in the appropriate category.

Separate Parts

Separate Parts

- Appear at the end of the daily Federal Register issue
- Agencies request
 - ♦ For high profile documents.
 - ♦ To group related Final Rules, Proposed Rules and Notices together
- OFR places late arriving documents in separate parts for production purposes



R Research Tools

Daily *Federal Register*Research Tools and Finding Aids

- Table of Contents
- CFR Parts Affected in this Issue
- Reader Aids

FR Research Tools

Researching Information

- In today's Federal Register
- In previous Federal Registers

FR Research Tools: Today's FR

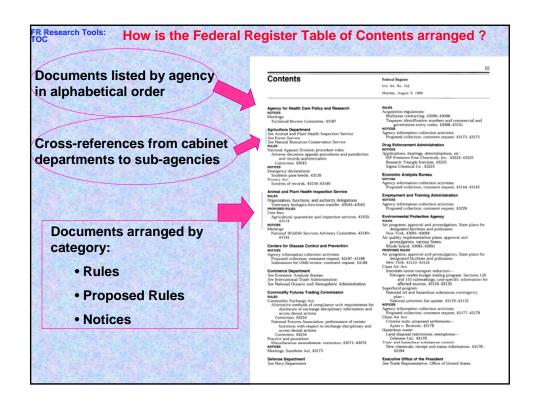
How can I find information in today's Federal Register?

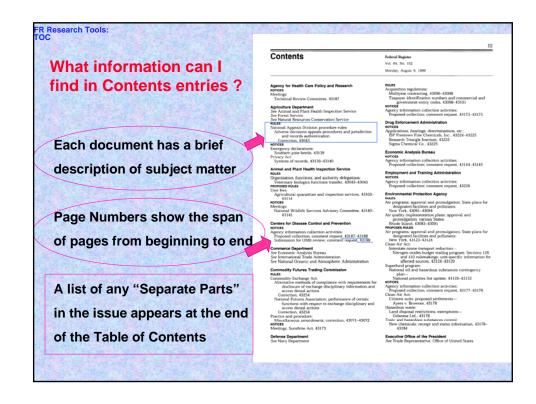
- Federal Register Table of Contents:
 - Online edition has hypertext links to each document in the issue
- CFR Parts Affected In This Issue
 - ♦ Accessible from search page of online edition

FR Research Tools: Today's FR

Federal Register Table of Contents

- Arranged by agency name in alphabetical order
- Cross-references
- Each agency document is arranged by category
- Presidential Documents are arranged as follows:
 - **♦ Executive Orders**
 - **♦ Proclamations**
 - ♦ Determinations/Memoranda





FR Research Tools: Parts Affected

CFR Parts Affected in this Issue

- Located after the Table of Contents
- Lists CFR titles and parts affected in an issue
- Indicates whether the documents affecting CFR parts are rules or proposed rules
- Lists the number designations of all Presidential documents in the issue
- Cites the page numbers where relevant documents begin

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Substitute Thinks		

FR Research Tools: Reader Aids

Reader Aids

- In the back of each daily FR issue
- Information on recent FR activity and new laws
- Include:
 - ♦ CFR Parts Affected During (the current month)
 - ♦ FR Pages and Dates (the current month)
 - ♦ OFR customer service information including:

FR Research Tools: Reader Aids

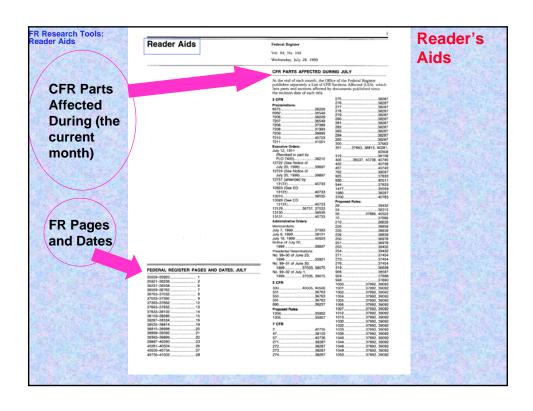
CFR Parts Affected During (the current month)

- Cumulative table
- Lists documents in numerical order by CFR title and part
- You can quickly determine:
 - The CFR titles and parts affected by documents published during the current month
 - Whether the documents affecting the CFR parts are rules or proposed rules
 - The number designation of Presidential documents published during the current month
 - ♦ The page numbers where the relevant documents begin

FR Research Tools: Reader Aids

FR Pages and Dates (the current month)

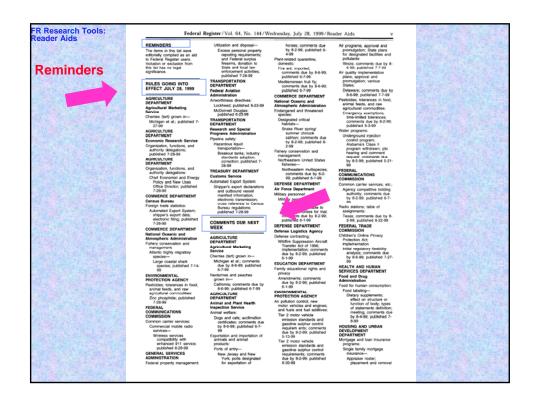
- · Cumulative table of page spans and dates
- Page spans are on the left side of the table with corresponding dates of publication on the right side
- Use the date table with entries from the CFR Parts Affected During (the current month) to find the date a document was published in FR

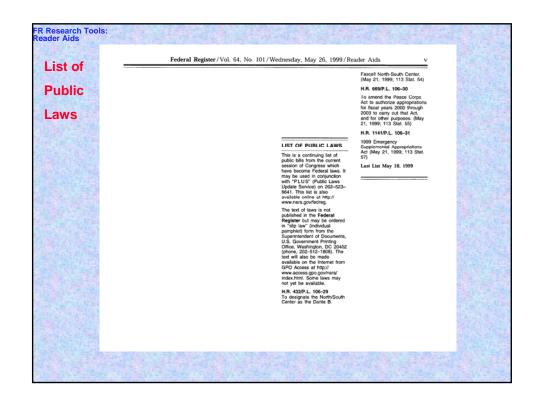


FR Research Tools: Reader Aids

Reminders

- Rules Going Into Effect (the current day) reminds you of rule documents that become effective on the current day
- Comments Due Next Week reminds you of previously published proposed rule documents that have comment deadlines the following week





FR Research Tools: Previous FR

How can I find documents in past Federal Register issues?

Daily Federal Register (print edition)

♦ Index to CFR Parts Affected During Current Month

Federal Register Index (print edition)

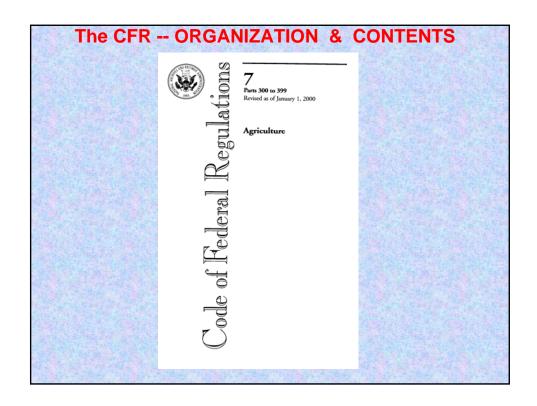
LSA (List of CFR Sections Affected).

- printed monthly and online: www.access.gpo.gov/nara/lsa/aboutlsa.html
- ♦ numerical listing of changes keyed to CFR parts/sections

Search the Federal Register Online.

- Search by category, subject matter, date, and page number to retrieve documents from 1995 through present day
- ♦ Hypertext Table of Contents for each day since Jan. 1998

CONTINUE



What is the Code of Federal Regulations?

- The CFR contains Federal rules that have:
 - ♦ General applicability to the public
 - ♦ Current and future effect as of the date specified
- Always published first in the FR as <u>amendments to the</u> <u>CFR</u>
- The CFR is published in a set of about 200 volumes
 - ♦ Printed soft cover books
 - **♦ Microfiche**
 - ♦ Online at: www.access.gpo.gov/nara

CFI

How is the CFR organized?

- Federal regulations are organized into:
 - ♦ 50 titles
 - ♦ Broad subject matter categories
 - » Environment, Defense, Public Health, Transportation
- Each title is completely revised and reissued once each year on a staggered schedule.

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♦ Titles 1 -- 16 updated as of January 1
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- ♦ Titles 17 -- 27 updated as of April 1
- ♦ Titles 28 -- 41 updated as of July 1
- ♦ Titles 42 -- 50 updated as of October 1

CFF

What is the CFR numbering system?

- The CFR has a uniform numbering system
 - ♦ Titles 3, 41, and 48 have significant variations
- The <u>section</u> is the basic unit of the CFR
- Cite the CFR by title and section: 12 CFR 303.1
- Text is divided into descending levels of units

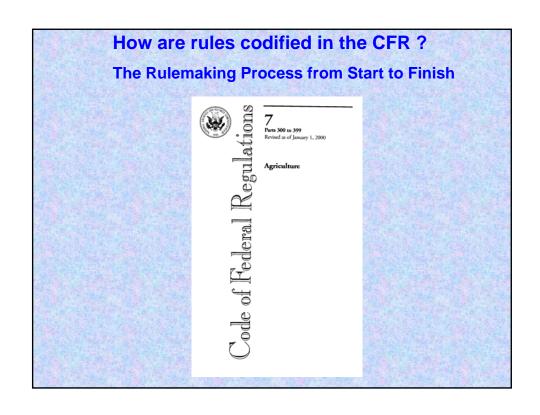
Title	12	Broad subject area of regulations
Chapter	III	Rules of individual agency
Part	303	Rules on a single program or function
Section	303.1	One provision of program/function rules
Paragraph	303.1(a)	Detailed, specific requirements

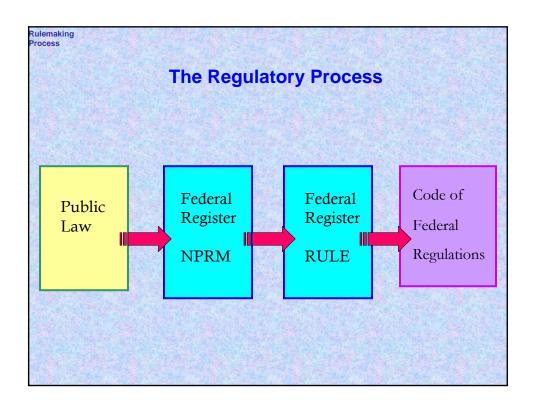
Paragraph Levels

Sections may contain up to 6 levels of paragraphs.

♦ We strongly recommend no more than 3 levels.

Paragraph	Designations	Cite paragraph as
Level 1	(a), (b), (c), etc.	§ 303.1(a)
Level 2	(1), (2), (3), etc.	§ 303.1(a)(1)
Level 3	(i), (ii), (iii), etc.	§ 303.1(a)(1)(i)
Level 4	(A), (B), (C), etc.	§ 303.1(a)(1)(i)(A)
Level 5	(1), (2), (3), etc.	§ 303.1(a)(1)(i)(A)(1)
Level 6	(i), (ii), (iii), etc.	§ 303.1(a)(1)(i)(A)(1)(i)





Rulemaking Process

What Triggers Rulemaking?

- Legislation, Congressional hearings/reports
- Executive orders and OMB Circulars
- Court Orders
- Agencies act on own initiative to carry out mission
- Petitions for Rulemaking and informal requests from affected parties
- Federal Advisory Committee Recommendations
- Emergency situations, technological developments
- Political Factors

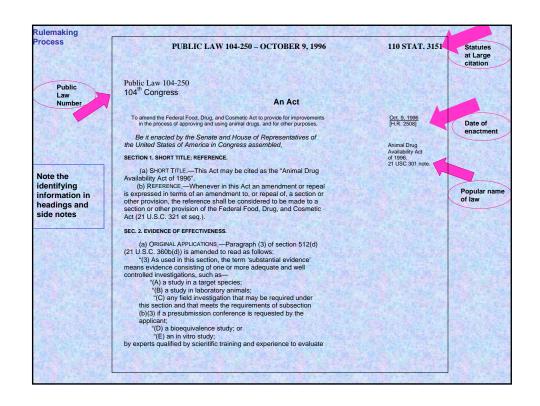
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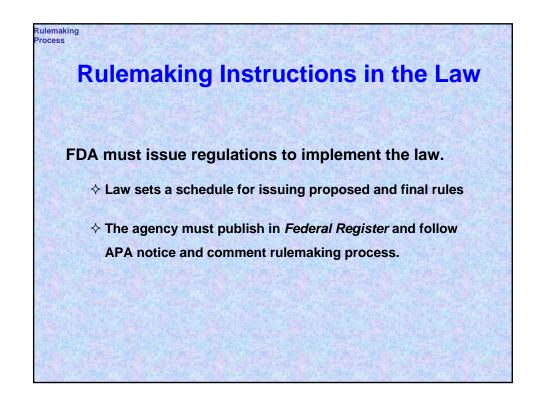
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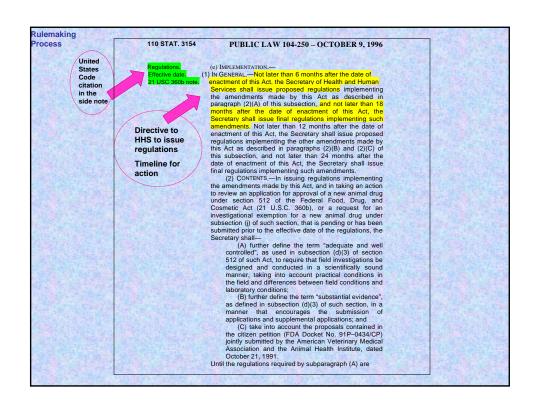
Rulemaking usually begins with Congressional action.

For Example:

- ♦ The Animal Drug Availability Act of 1996 (ADAA) (Public Law 104- 250), enacted October 9, 1996, amended the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.
 - » Signaled Congressional intent for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to administer the regulations on behalf of the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).





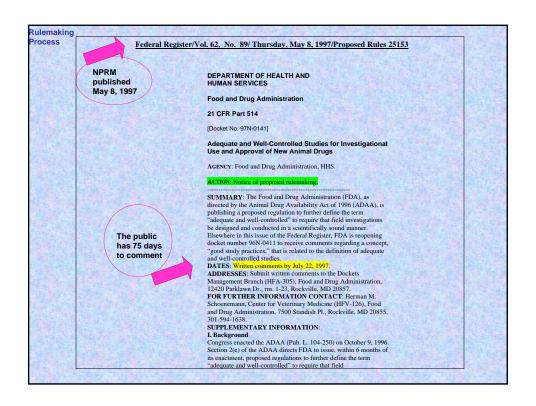


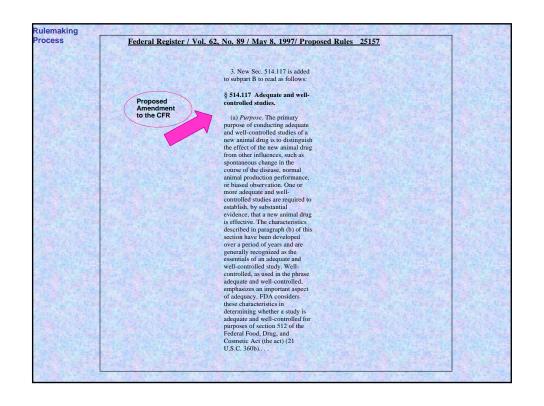
Proposed Rulemaking

ADAA Example

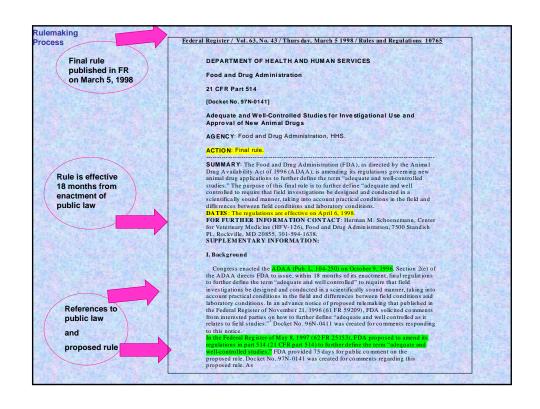
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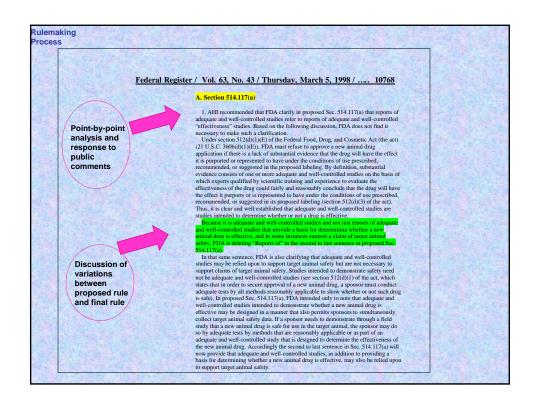
- Statute set a 6 month time limit for a Proposed Rule
- FDA published the proposed rule on May 8, 1997, about 7 months after the law was enacted, slightly past the deadline

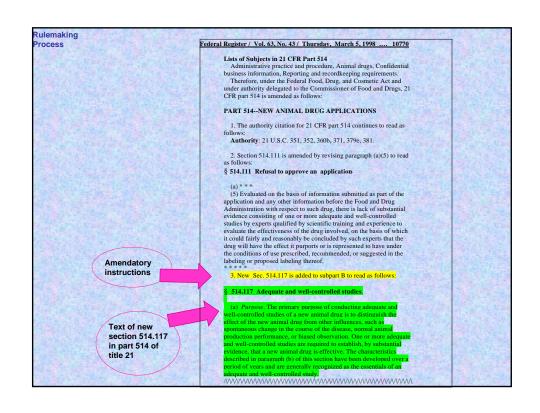




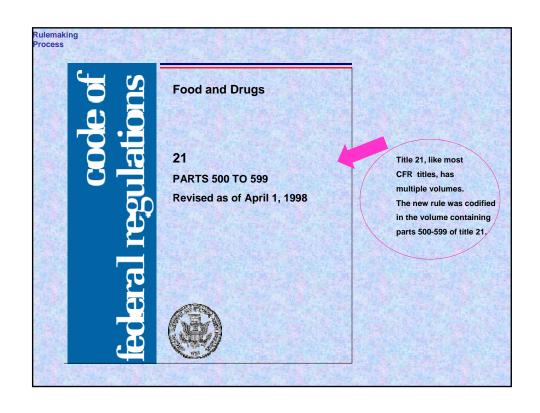
Final Rulemaking ADAA FDA published the final rule on March 5, 1998, in time to meet the 18 month statutory deadline The preamble of a final rule typically contains: Statement of the requirements in the law Cite to proposed rule and other rulemaking history Discussion and analysis of public comments received Justification for agency's final decisions





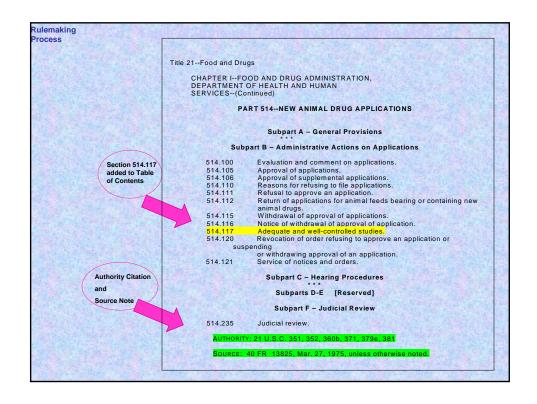


CFR Codification ADAA • FDA published the new animal drugs rule on March 5, 1998 • The rule was integrated into the April 1, 1998 revision of title 21 -- "Food and Drugs"



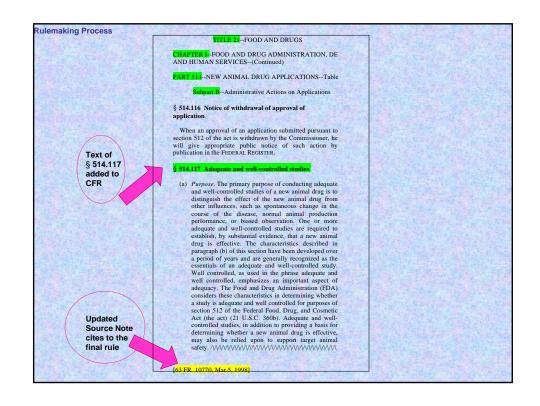
Process Part Level Table of Contents, Authority Citations, and Source Notes

- A new entry in the <u>table of contents</u> at the part level to reflect the newly added section of regulatory text
- The <u>authority citation</u> below the table of contents
- The source note below the authority cite



CFR Text, Section Level Source Notes, and Authority Citations

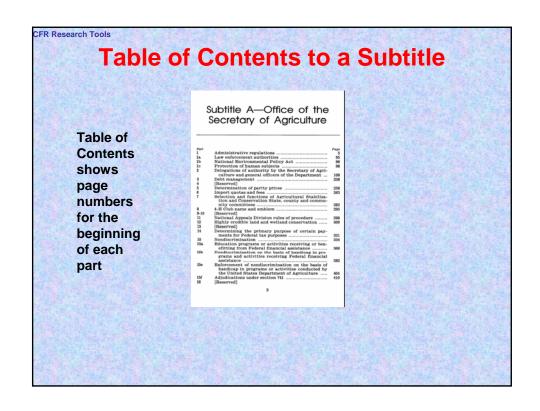
- The <u>text of new section 514.117</u> inserted into CFR Title 21, Chapter I, Part 514, Subpart B
- A source note
- No separate authority citation for this section

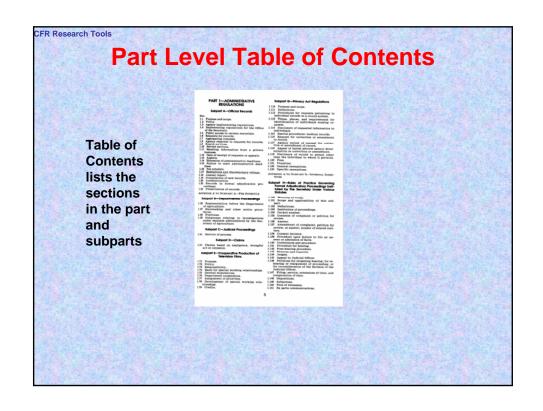




What research tools are in each printed volume of the CFR?

- · At the front of each CFR volume, look for:
 - ♦ Tables of contents to all material within the book
 - Tables of contents to the title, subtitle(s), chapter(s), and subchapter(s) within the book
- At the back of each CFR volume, look for:
 - ♦ A table of "Material Approved for Incorporation by Reference" (IBR)
 - ♦ A "Table of CFR Titles and Chapters"
 - ♦ An "Alphabetical List of Agencies Appearing in the CFR"
 - ♦ Redesignation Tables
 - ♦ A "List of CFR Sections Affected"





Material Approved for Incorporation By Reference

- The incorporation by reference (IBR) table directs you to regulatory material not published in the FR & CFR
- IBR material has the force of law as though it were published in full text the FR & CFR
- Congress authorized IBR to enforce voluntary standards already used in science & industry
- Under the FOIA, the Director of the Federal Register must approve IBR to give it force and effect of law

CFR Research Tools

Table of CFR Titles and Chapters

- A list of all CFR titles, subtitles, chapters, and part spans in numerical order -- titles 1 to 50
- Includes the names of agencies assigned to CFR chapters
- A more detailed list is located in the CFR Index and Finding Aids, a separate publication

Alphabetical List of Agencies Appearing in the CFR

- A list of all agencies that publish in the CFR
- References to sub-agencies under main agencies
- Location of the regulations of each agency and sub-agency appear in the CFR by title, subtitle and chapter

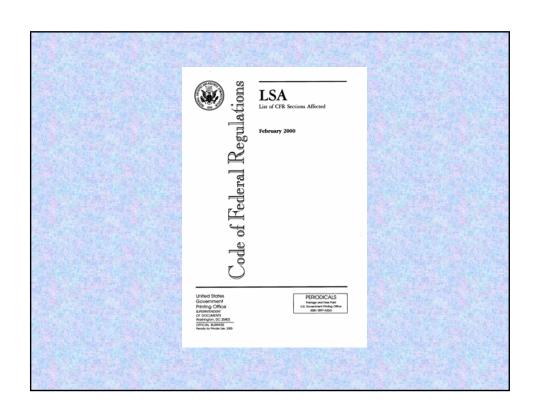
CFR Research Tools

Redesignation Tables

- A Redesignation Table helps you find the new location of parts and sections of regulations
- An agency publishes this table when it has done extensive reorganization and renumbering
- The table appears in the preamble of the rule document and is then included as a research tool in the back of the CFR

List of CFR Sections Affected (in a specific CFR volume)

- This list helps you track amendments in each CFR volume since 1986 by year and FR page number
- Lists the type of amendment and the text affected down to the paragraph level
- For years before 1986, use the seven separate volumes of the List of CFR Sections Affected
- A cumulative, monthly LSA is also published separately



Rulemaking Process

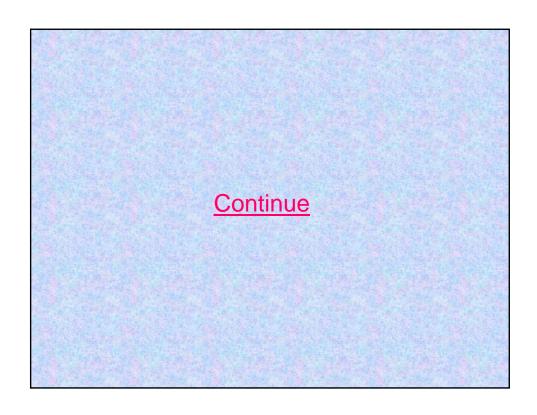
How can the public participate in rulemaking?

- Citizens have a right to express their views before an agency adopts final rules
- Each Federal Register document tells you:
 - ♦ Whether comments are requested
 - How, when and where to comment

How can the public participate in rulemaking?

- Writing effective comments

 - Cite rulemaking by docket number and other identifying information
 - Include your name and address
 - ♦ Follow directions
 - Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes



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